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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 4666

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1 (IMPODET)  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, ECON, PL  
SUBJECT: POLISH PRICE RISES: GIEREK'S REACTION TO RFE COM-  
MENTARY-II

REF: WARSAW 4657

1. THE FIRST SECRETARY'S REACTION TO RFE COMMENTARY IS UNDER-  
STANDABLE. IT IS OF A PIECE WITH THE REGIME'S TREATMENT OF  
RFE'S POTENTIAL THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF THE PRICE-RISE  
"OPERATION", BEGINNING WITH OLSZOWSKI'S PLEA OF JUNE 23. NO  
MORE CONVINCING DEMONSTRATION COULD BE IMAGINED OF THE FEAR WITH  
WHICH THE REGIME REGARDS RFE.

2. WE ARE SHORT-HANDED AND HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH BICENTENNIAL  
EVENTS. WE HAVE CONSEQUENTLY NOT BEEN ABLE TO MONITOR RFE  
COMMENTARY AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED. BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE BEEN  
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ABLE TO HEAR AND ON THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF SCRIPTS FROM MUNICH,

HOWEVER, WE CANNOT SEE THAT RFE HAS GROSSLY EXCEEDED ITS GUIDELINES. REGRETTABLY, WE DO NOT YET HAVE "FAKTY, OPINII, WYDARZENIA" FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD, AND IT IS HERE THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND THE SHARPEST COMMENTARY.

3. THE FIRST PROBLEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT IS TO DETERMINE WHAT RFE HAS SAID AND TO EVALUATE ITS DEGREE OF CONSISTENCY WITH US POLICY. ON THE BASIS OF THIS JUDGMENT AND OF THE EXIGENCIES OF THE UNFOLDING SITUATION OF THIS IN POLAND, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PRESUMABLY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS DESIRABLE TO REPLY DIRECTLY TO THE POLISH COMPLAINTS. ONCE WE HAVE SEEN THE COMMENTARIES--INCLUDING "FAKTY, OPINII, WYDARZENIA"--FOR THE PERIOD AFTER JUNE 25, WE WILL OFFER FURTHER COMMENTS.

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